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This survey sought information regarding the policies of school districts across the nation on entrance requirements to kindergarten and the first grade. The school systems were classified under four strata according to total enrollment size. The most frequently reported minimum entrance age for kindergarten was 5 years of age by December 1. For the first grade, the majority of districts set 6 years by December 1 as the minimum age; a few schools required, in addition, the completion of the kindergarten level. Exceptions to the rules are summarized by district in the study. Chronological age is the principal entrance criterion, with other factors such as sex, I.Q., and social maturity becoming more influential. Extensive tables list the district admission requirements and State laws that affect these admission standards. (LN)

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ENTRANCE AGE POLICIES

Six years ago the Educational Research Service surveyed the policies of selected local school districts governing admission to kindergarten and first grade. The report of the 1962-63 survey is no longer available, but continuing requests for copies indicate that a number of school systems are revising or reviewing their entrance age policies. To gather current information which reflects recent changes, the questionnaire on page 51 was sent in the spring of 1968 to the 503 school systems operating elementary schools and enrolling 12,000 or more pupils. Replies were received in each enrollment stratum as follows:

	Ques. sent	Replies received
Stratum 1 (100,000 or more)	25	24(96%)
Stratum 2 (50,000-99,999)	54	54(100%)
Stratum 3 (25,000-49,999)	88	86(98%)
Stratum 4 (12,000-24,999)	336	315(94%)
	503	479(95%)

In the text which follows, some comparisons are made with the 1962-63 study. It should be kept in mind, however, that although the earlier survey covered the same enrollment strata, it included 154 fewer school systems than the present survey. Of the 479 systems in the present study, only 312 were also represented in the 1962-63 Circular.

Responses of the 479 systems regarding 1968-69 minimum entrance age requirements, exceptions to these requirements, and changes in the policies since the 1962-63 survey are reported individually in the system-by-system table beginning on page 7.

State Permissive Attendance Laws

Often, statutes mandate uniformity in minimum entrance age requirements among school districts within a state. For instance, all 68 California school systems in this survey require pupils to be 5 and 6 years of age by December 1 for admission to kindergarten and first grade, respectively. These California districts account for more than one-half of all the districts in the survey with a December 1 cutoff date. Likewise, 23 of the 26 districts which have established October 15 or 16 as the required birth date are in the state of North Carolina.

Because a number of districts reported that recent or planned changes in entrance age requirements are the result of new state legislation, a table outlining state *permissive* attendance laws for kindergarten and first grade has been compiled through correspondence directly with each state department of education. Columns 2 and 3 of this table (page 46) show the state law on minimum permissive entrance age, with planned changes noted. Column 4 is devoted to provisions in the statutes which affect the information reported in Columns 2 and 3, as well as pertinent rulings of state attorneys general and state board resolutions. Column 5 indicates the states which currently have some form of state aid to kindergartens, even if only pilot or partial aid programs.

Age of Admission to Kindergarten

In 1968-69 kindergartens will be operated by 328 (68.5 percent) of the 479 responding systems, a slightly higher percentage than in 1962-63 when 61.5 percent of the 325 systems had kindergartens. Systems which reported operating summer kindergarten programs or school-year programs financed by ESEA or OEO funds have not been tabulated in this group; such programs are noted in Column 5 of the system-by-system table. The questionnaire used in the survey specifically eliminated Head Start programs.

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As can be seen from Table A, the most frequently reported minimum entrance age requirement was 5 years of age by December 1, and the second most frequently mentioned age was 5 by January 1. Thus, 57.4 percent of the responding districts require a kindergarten entrance age of 4 years, 8 or 9 months, by the opening of school. Only 5.2 percent of the systems have cutoff dates after January 1 for fall admission.

While the same rank of frequency also appeared for these two cutoff dates in the 1963 Circular, the percentage of systems with these dates in that study was greater (65.5 percent) than in the present study (57.4 percent). Percentagewise, the birth date showing the greatest increase since 1963 is October 1. In the earlier study, 6.5 percent of the responding districts reported this date, while in this survey 15.9 percent of the districts set a birth date of October 1.

Age of Admission to First Grade

As shown in Table B, on page 3, 46.6 percent of the responding districts have set either De-

Table A

SUMMARY: REQUIRED AGE FOR ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

Cutoff date	Required age, Sept. 1	Number and percent of systems responding by enrollment stratum				
		Stratum 1	Stratum 2	Stratum 3	Stratum 4	Totals
September 1	5 years	1 (4.5%)	1 (3.0%)	...	10 (4.6%)	12 (3.7%)
September 10 or 15	4 years, 11½ months	...	2 (6.1%)	5 (8.9%)	14 (6.5%)	21 (6.4%)
September 30 or October 1	4 years, 11 months	4 (18.2%)	6 (18.2%)	8 (14.3%)	34 (15.7%)	52 (15.9%)
October 15 or 16	4 years, 10½ months	...	1 (3.0%)	1 (1.8%)	2 (0.9%)	4 (1.3%)
October 31 or November 1	4 years, 10 months	2 (9.1%)	4 (12.1%)	3 (5.4%)	21 (9.7%)	30 (9.2%)
November 15	4 years, 9½ months	...	1 (3.0%)	1 (1.8%)	1 (0.5%)	3 (0.9%)
November 30 or December 1	4 years, 9 months	4 (18.2%)	8 (24.3%)	26 (46.4%)	91 (41.9%)	129 (39.4%)
December 31 or January 1	4 years, 8 months	10 (45.5%)	8 (24.3%)	10 (17.8%)	32 (14.7%)	60 (18.0%)
January 31 or February 1	4 years, 7 months	...	1 (3.0%)	...	12 (5.5%)	13 (4.0%)
February 10	4 years, 6½ months	...	...	1 (1.8%)	...	1 (0.3%)
February 28 or March 1	4 years, 6 months	...	...	1 (1.8%)	...	1 (0.3%)
September 1	4 years	1 (4.5%)	1 (3.0%)	...	...	2 (0.6%)
Total districts WITH kindergarten		22 (100.0%)	33 (100.0%)	56 (100.0%)	217 (100.0%)	328 (100.0%)
Districts WITHOUT kindergarten		2	21	30	98	151
Total districts responding		24	54	86	315	479

cember 1 or January 1 as the required date by which a child must reach six years of age for fall admission. In 1962-63, 53.5 percent reported these dates.

As will be noted in Table B, 16 districts which reported a required birth date for kindergarten admission require completion of kindergarten for first grade admission. Another district reported that no minimum has been established for first grade admission because each child is evaluated individually to determine his grade placement. With two exceptions, these districts are in Michigan, New Jersey, and New York. As can be seen from the table on state permissive attendance legislation, these states have only one permissive attendance requirement--5 years of age by a given date--and all three offer state aid to kindergartens.

Exceptions to Entrance Age Requirements

Reported by a number of school systems were conditions under which they will accept children whose birthdays fall after the specified cutoff date. As shown in summary table C, about one-

Table B

SUMMARY: REQUIRED AGE FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST GRADE

Cutoff date	Required age, Sept. 1	Number and percent of systems responding by enrollment stratum				
		Stratum 1	Stratum 2	Stratum 3	Stratum 4	Totals
September 1	6 years	1 (4.2%)	4 (7.4%)	5 (5.8%)	26 (8.3%)	36 (7.5%)
September 10 or 15	5 years, 11½ months	...	2 (3.7%)	5 (5.8%)	16 (5.1%)	23 (4.8%)
September 30 or October 1	5 years, 11 months	5 (20.8%)	9 (16.6%)	20 (23.2%)	39 (12.4%)	73 (15.2%)
October 15 or 16	5 years, 10½ months	...	2 (3.7%)	3 (3.5%)	21 (6.7%)	26 (5.4%)
October 31 or November 1	5 years, 10 months	1 (4.2%)	8 (14.8%)	4 (4.6%)	43 (13.6%)	56 (11.7%)
November 15	5 years, 9½ months	...	1 (1.9%)	1 (1.2%)	3 (0.9%)	5 (1.0%)
November 30 or December 1	5 years, 9 months	5 (20.8%)	9 (16.6%)	25 (29.1%)	83 (26.3%)	122 (25.5%)
December 31 or January 1	5 years, 8 months	11 (45.8%)	17 (31.5%)	18 (20.9%)	55 (17.5%)	101 (21.1%)
January 31 or February 1	5 years, 7 months	1 (4.2%)	1 (1.9%)	...	16 (5.1%)	18 (3.8%)
February 10	5 years, 6½ months	...	...	1 (1.2%)	...	1 (0.2%)
February 28 or March 1	5 years, 6 months	...	...	1 (1.2%)	...	1 (0.2%)
Kindergarten required		...	1 (1.9%)	3 (3.5%)	12 (3.8%)	16 (3.4%)
No minimum		...	...	...	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)
Total number of district responding		24 (100.0%)	54 (100.0%)	86 (100.0%)	315 (100.0%)	479 (100.0%)

Table C

SUMMARY: EXCEPTIONS TO MINIMUM ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

Policy	Number and percent of school systems responding									
	KINDERGARTEN					FIRST GRADE				
	Str. 1	Str. 2	Str. 3	Str. 4	Total	Str. 1	Str. 2	Str. 3	Str. 4	Total
Total districts WITH exceptions to policy	3 (14%)	7 (21%)	15 (27%)	61 (28%)	86 (26%)	9 (38%)	26 (48%)	40 (47%)	165 (52%)	240 (50%)
Total districts WITHOUT exceptions to policy	19 (86%)	26 (79%)	41 (73%)	156 (72%)	242 (74%)	15 (62%)	28 (52%)	46 (53%)	150 (48%)	239 (50%)
Total districts responding	22	33	56	217	328	24	54	86	315	479

Table D

SUMMARY: BASES FOR EXCEPTIONS TO MINIMUM ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

Basis for exception to minimum entrance age policy	Number of districts reporting each exception									
	KINDERGARTEN					FIRST GRADE				
	Str. 1	Str. 2	Str. 3	Str. 4	Total	Str. 1	Str. 2	Str. 3	Str. 4	Total
Advanced maturity and intelligence as shown by tests and/or observation	2	6	11	30	49	3	8	7	28	46
Transfer from district with lower entrance age policy	1	1	6	31	39	4	13	22	89	128
Completion of nursery school (for kindergarten) or kindergarten (for first grade)	...	...	...	1	1	4	11	19	76	110
Payment of tuition	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	2	5
Combinations of above[a/]	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	2	10	13
Acceleration from kindergarten to first grade	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	9	14	39	65
Other[b/]	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	13

a/ Includes such combinations as testing following transfer, completion of kindergarten and testing, testing and payment of tuition, and transfer and payment of tuition.

b/ Includes one system which requires doctor's certificate of perfect health, three systems which require kindergarten experience for 6-year-olds entering school for the first time but permit acceleration to first grade upon evidence of satisfactory progress, and 9 systems which make exceptions to kindergarten completion requirement in unusual circumstances.

fourth will make exceptions to the kindergarten entrance requirement, while exactly one-half will permit early entrance to the first grade under certain circumstances.

The bases upon which exceptions are made to entrance age requirements are summarized in Table D. It will be noted that transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement is the reason most frequently reported for early admittance to first grade, but at the kindergarten level, transfer ranks second to evidence of advanced maturity and intelligence as a basis for accepting younger children. This is due in large measure to the fact that all 68 California districts in the survey are required by state law to make this exception for first-graders, while only a few apply it to kindergarten transferees since they are not specified in the law. California statutes also account for the majority of the districts accepting completion of kindergarten, regardless of age, as qualification for first-grade admission. One district in New York accepts completion of nursery school as sufficient qualification for kindergarten admission.

Only a few more districts have established a policy to permit early admission to kindergarten on the basis of advanced maturity and intelligence (49) than have such a policy for first grade (46). Of course, in most districts where early admission to kindergarten has been granted, admission to first grade is automatic the following year; such districts are not tabulated among the 46 making exceptions on the basis of testing and observation.

While not strictly an exception to entrance age requirements, the possibility of acceleration from kindergarten to first grade, usually during the early part of the fall term, was reported by 65 districts; many of the 65 are in California, which has permissive legislation to this effect.

Of the 16 districts which require completion of kindergarten instead of specifying a minimum age for admission to first grade (see Table B), nine will make exceptions to this rule

Table E

SUMMARY: CHANGES IN ENTRANCE AGE POLICIES, 1962-68

Nature of change	Enrollment stratum 1	2	3	4	Total
Birth dates moved:					
Back[a]	1	11	10	23	45
Forward[a]	2	1	5	10	18
Early admission policy:					
Adopted	..	4	1	8	13
Revised	1	..	..	1	2
Abandoned	1	3	1	6	11
Acceleration from kgn. to grade 1 initiated	2	7	10	29	48
Kindergartens begun	3	3	1	14	21
Other changes[b]	2	..	..	2	4
Total changes	12	29	28	93	162

a/ Where birth dates have been moved back, children must be older to be admitted in the fall than under the previous policy; where the birth date has been moved forward, they may enter at a younger age than previously.

b/ Other changes include discontinuance of kindergarten (East St. Louis, Ill.) and discontinuance of semi-annual promotions (Detroit, Mich.; Cleveland, Ohio; and Binghamton, N. Y.).

in unusual circumstances, and three require students without this experience to enroll in kindergarten but will move the child to first grade if observation indicates that he is ready.

Several systems reported admitting handicapped students to special education classes at a younger age than required by policy. Since there are undoubtedly many more systems which follow this practice, this exception has not been noted in the system-by-system table.

Recent Changes in Entrance Age Policies

The final inquiry on the questionnaire used in this survey asked respondents to report any changes in entrance age policies within the past six years. The replies to this question are shown in Column 5 of the system-by-system table. In the few cases where the respondents checked "no change," but the cutoff date reported for 1968-69 was different from that reported in

1962-63, this fact has been noted in Column 5. Comparison of the two studies also revealed that the operation of kindergartens has begun within the past six years in some districts, and this fact likewise has been noted. A summary of the recent changes is presented in Table E.

Many of the changes reported in Table E are the results of state legislation enacted since 1962-63. All state legislation which changed permissive attendance ages has moved the requirement back; that is, a child now has to be older than previously to be admitted. Also, most of the 48 systems reported in Table E as having recently initiated provision for acceleration from kindergarten to grade 1 are in California, where legislation permitting such a policy has been enacted since 1962-63.

It is interesting to note that an almost equal number of districts have adopted early admission policies (13) as have abandoned them (11).

The initiation of kindergartens is in some districts the result of recent legislation to provide state aid for kindergartens, notably in Maryland and Virginia.

Although the facts revealed by the 1963 and 1968 studies cannot be used for exact comparisons, this survey does seem to indicate a few trends. For example: (1) Where changes are being made in the age required for admission to kindergarten and first grade, it is being raised. (2) Policies permitting acceleration to grade 1 of youngsters who show exceptional ability in kindergarten are being adopted by an increasing number of school systems. (3) Also on the increase is the policy of considering completion of a full year of approved kindergarten as qualification for entering first grade.

An Observation

While the variety of new technological and instructional practices often make it possible for a child, regardless of age, to be successful in school, only one district indicated that because the ungraded arrangement exists in grades one and two in the district, no early admission or acceleration policies have been adopted.

"On what basis should a child be admitted to kindergarten and first grade?" is a question to which many pages of educational research have been devoted. Attempts to identify accurate predictors of readiness to begin the learning program provided by the school have identified several variables which seem to be related to the age at which readiness is achieved, such as sex, father's occupation, I.Q., social maturity, but none of these studies has conclusively proved that any one indicator should replace the long-followed practice of admission based on chronological age. The vast majority of districts still use chronological age as the primary criterion for school entrance. However, it is clear that more and more consideration is being given to what to do with the child once he has been admitted. Instruction is being tailored to the developmental, environmental, and ability level of each child, thus making the question of "right age" largely an administrative device.

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POLICIES ON ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE, 1968-69

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 1--ENROLLMENT 100,000 OR MORE (24 SYSTEMS)				
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (Feb. 1 for midterm admission)	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (Feb. 1 for midterm admission)	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
WASHINGTON, D. C.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions.	Required birth date changed from November 2 to December 31 in 1967. Underage admission policy for kindergarten and first grade abandoned in 1966.
DADE COUNTY, FLA. (Miami)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	State law passed in 1965 provided that, effective July 1, 1972, a child must be 6 years of age on or before October 1 to be admitted to grade 1.
DUVAL COUNTY, FLA. (Jacksonville)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Dec. 31 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions.	Federally-funded kindergartens are operated only in the disadvantaged areas of the system. Grade 1--see Dade County above.
ATLANTA, GA., city schools	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
HAWAII--entire state	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	May be admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and first grade (if space is available) on the basis of group readiness test, physical and psychological examinations (paid for by parents). May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on the basis of teacher observation and psychological tests during first quarter of school year.	Regulations governing exceptions to minimum age policy recently revised.
CHICAGO, ILL.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
ORLEANS PARISH, LA. (New Orleans)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
BALTIMORE, MD., city schools	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD. (Towson)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD. (Rockville)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1	Admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD. (Upper Marlboro)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Accepted into first grade upon completion of one year of a public school kindergarten, regardless of age. Also admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a system with a lower entrance age requirement.	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 1 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
DETROIT, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Within the past six years the Detroit Public Schools have changed from semi-annual to annual promotions; consequently children are no longer eligible for midyear entrance into kindergarten.
ST. LOUIS, MO.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Required birth date changed from September 15 to October 1 since 1962-63.
NEW YORK, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of public or approved nonpublic kindergarten if child has attained age of 6 by January 31.	...
CLEVELAND, OHIO	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who will be 6 by January 1 may be admitted to grade 1 in September on basis of testing by school psychologist.	State law passed in 1967 established September 30 as birth date for admission to grade 1, to be fully effective in 1969-70; this superseded a statute enacted in 1965 which established October 31 as the birth date.
COLUMBUS, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of screening tests (and successful kindergarten experience for admission to first grade), if the required entrance age is attained between September 30 and December 31.	See Cleveland above.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	4 by Sept. 1 (See col. 5)	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child whose sixth birthday falls between February 1 and June 30 of the school year for which admission is sought, may be admitted to first grade on the basis of psychological examinations.	Although a child is eligible for kindergarten attendance at age 4, preference is given to children who have reached the age of 4 years, 7 months, by September 1. Younger applicants are placed on a space-available basis. A child admitted to kindergarten at an age younger than 4 years, 7 months must be tested for early admission to first grade If he does not qualify for first grade admission, he spends two years in kindergarten.
MEMPHIS, TENN., city schools	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions.	The board of education sponsors, but does not finance, local kindergarten programs in 27 elementary schools. Some are financed by local parent-teacher groups and others are federally-financed. Required entrance age for these kindergartens is 5 by September 30. State law passed in 1965 provided that the birth date for admission to grade 1 be moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1965 to September 30 in 1968 and thereafter.
HOUSTON, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA. (Fairfax)	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens begun in 1967.

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 1 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
MILWAUKEE, WIS.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
STRATUM 2--ENROLLMENT 50,000 TO 99,999 (54 SYSTEMS)				
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA. (Birmingham)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 2	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. May also be admitted at an earlier age on the basis of tests, if the child will attain the age of 6 years by January 1 (fee charged for testing).	Early admission policies became effective in 1967-68.
MOBILE, ALA. (city and county schools)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	Admitted at earlier age to first grade upon transfer from state with lower entrance age requirement, if the child will be 6 by January 1.	Policy regarding underage admission adopted since 1962-63.
TUCSON, ARIZ.	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
FRESNO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
LONG BEACH, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
OAKLAND, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (Feb. 1 for midterm admission)	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. (Feb. 1 for midterm admission)	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Carmichael)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 2 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
DENVER, COLO.	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and grade 1 at an earlier age on the basis of tests of mental maturity, social adjustment, health, and physical maturity, if required entrance age is attained by November 15 (December 15 for grade 1 in 1968-69).	Previously, required birth date was November 30 for regular admission and January 31 for underage testing and admission.
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLO. (Lakewood)	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	Previously, a child attaining the age of 5 years by November 30 could be tested for early admission to kindergarten upon his parents' request. This policy was discontinued after five years. Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was September 1.
BREVARD COUNTY, FLA. (Titusville)	No kindergarten	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Oct. 1 (6 by Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	State law passed in 1965 provided that, effective July 1, 1972, a child must be 6 years of age on or before October 1 to be admitted to grade 1.
BROWARD COUNTY, FLA. (Ft. Lauderdale)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLA. (Tampa)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
ORANGE COUNTY, FLA. (Orlando)	No kindergarten	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (6 by Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLA. (West Palm Beach)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLA. (Clearwater)	5 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
POLK COUNTY, FLA. (Bartow)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Brevard County above.
DE KALB COUNTY, GA. (Decatur)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
WICHITA, KANS.	5 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	No exceptions	In accordance with state law, enacted in 1966, required birth date has been moved back one month each year since 1965, when it was January 1; in 1969 and thereafter, it will be September 1.
JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY. (Louisville)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
LOUISVILLE, KY., city schools	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
CADDO PARISH, LA. (Shreveport)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.

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STRATUM 2 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA. (Baton Rouge)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	District operates an eight-week summer kindergarten program for children who will be 5 years old by January 1.
JEFFERSON PARISH, LA. (Gretna)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Previously a child had to be 6 in January on the date corresponding to the opening date of school in September. Thus, if school opened on September 7, a child had to be 6 by January 7.
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD. (Annapolis)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
BOSTON, MASS.	Kgn. I - 4 by Sept. 1 Kgn. II - 5 by Sept. 1 (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	In September 1966 a two-year kindergarten program was established district-wide. In September 1967 the entrance age for first grade was changed from 5 years, 5 months by September 1 to 6 years by September 1.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	5 by Nov. 30 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	6 by Nov. 30 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon principal's recommendation (after conference with parents) and testing by the Child Study Department. Children who have completed kindergarten are admitted to first grade regardless of age.	To implement state law passed in 1967, required birth date is being moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1967 to September 1 in 1971 and thereafter.
KANSAS CITY, MO.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests by the Department of Psychological Services, if the required entrance age is attained by December 31.	...
OMAHA, NEBR.	5 by Oct. 15	6 by Oct. 15	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests by psychological services, if the required entrance age is attained by December 1.	...
CLARK COUNTY, NEV. (Las Vegas)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
NEWARK, N. J.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	Admitted to first grade at earlier age upon transfer from school district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
BUFFALO, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	Kindergarten required	No exceptions	...
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL SYSTEM, N. C. (Charlotte)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 2 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
AKRON, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests, if the required entrance age is attained between October 1 and January 1.	State law passed in 1967 established September 30 as birth date for admission to grade 1, to be fully effective in 1969-70; this superseded a statute enacted in 1965 which established October 31 as the birth date.
CINCINNATI, OHIO	5 before Oct. 1	6 before Nov. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of evaluation by the Division of Psychological Service, if the required entrance age is attained by January 1.	See Akron above.
DAYTON, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	No exceptions for kindergarten. Children who will be 6 before January 1 may be tested for early entrance to first grade after being placed in kindergarten for one month; will be admitted to first grade if <u>not</u> making such a move would be harmful to the child.	See Akron above.
TOLEDO, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	See Akron above.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	5 by Nov. 2	6 by Nov. 2	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at earlier age upon payment of tuition.	...
TULSA, OKLA.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Children who will be 6 by January 1 and who are residents of Tulsa at opening of school year may be admitted to grade 1 on the basis of tests and upon payment of tuition; children who transfer from grade 1 in a public school of another state are admitted to that grade in Tulsa without tuition.	Underage testing policy was begun in 1967.
PORTLAND, OREG.	5 by Nov. 15	6 by Nov. 15	No exceptions	...
PITTSBURGH, PA.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade at an earlier age on basis of testing by school psychologist.	...
GREENVILLE COUNTY, S. C. (Greenville)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL SYSTEM, NASHVILLE, TENN.	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	State law passed in 1965 provided that the birth date for admission to grade 1 be moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1965 to September 30 in 1968 and thereafter.
EL PASO, TEXAS	5 by Dec. 31 (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who will be 6 by December 31 may be enrolled in first grade on a tuition basis.	Kindergartens are self-sustaining--admission on tuition basis only.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1 (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who will be 6 by December 1 may be enrolled in first grade on a tuition basis.	Kindergartens are self-sustaining--admission on tuition basis only.

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 2 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
GRANITE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UTAH (Salt Lake City)	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of an accredited public school kindergarten, regardless of age.	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
NORFOLK, VA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions.	...
SEATTLE, WASH.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	Children who attain the age of 5 by January 1 and have attended one semester of kindergarten in a public school system are admitted at midterm to kindergarten. Children may be admitted to first grade at any time during the school year if: 1. They are 6 on or before January 1, have completed one semester of kindergarten in any public school system, and are recommended by that system for first grade. 2. They are 6 on or before January 1, have completed one full year (160 two-hour sessions) in a private kindergarten, and are recommended by that kindergarten for first grade. 3. They have, regardless of age, been enrolled in a first grade in any public school system for a school month, or in a private school for one semester. 4. Have been enrolled in a Seattle public school kindergarten, have been tested by the Department of Guidance Services, and recommended for early entrance to first grade.	In 1962-63, reported no exceptions to entrance age policies.
KANAWHA COUNTY, W. VA. (Charleston)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Oct. 31	No expections	Kindergartens are provided through ESEA funds only, for children who will be 5 by October 31. Required birth date changed from November 30 to October 31 since 1962-63.
STRATUM 3--ENROLLMENT 25,000-49,999 (86 SYSTEMS)				
HUNTSVILLE, ALA., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
MONTGOMERY, ALA., city and county schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 2	No exceptions	...
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
FREMONT, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.

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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
HAYWARD, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
MONTEBELLO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
MT. DIABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Concord)	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
NEWPORT-MESA SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Newport Beach)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten)	 See footnote a/.
NORWALK-LA MIRADA SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Norwalk)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
PASADENA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
RICHMOND, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
SAN JOSE, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
SANTA ANA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
STOCKTON, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
TORRANCE, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.	5 by Nov. 15	6 by Nov. 15	May be admitted at an earlier age on basis of individual mental tests.	Required birth date changed in 1968 from December 31 to November 15.

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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
GARY, IND.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on basis of teacher recommendation and psychological evaluation.	Since 1962-63, required birth date has been changed from September 10 to September 30. Under former policy, children 5 by December 31 could be admitted to kindergarten on basis of group test.
SOUTH BEND, IND.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age on basis of interview with principal and psychometric testing, if child will be 5 between October 1 and October 15. Admitted to grade 1 at earlier age upon completion of one year of public or private kindergarten and careful evaluation by the receiving school.	...
DES MOINES, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
KANSAS CITY, KANS.	5 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	No exceptions	In accordance with state law enacted in 1966, required birth date has been moved back one month each year since 1965, when it was January 1; in 1969 and thereafter, it will be September 1.
FAYETTE COUNTY, KY. (Lexington)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
CALCASIEU PARISH, LA. (Lake Charles)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
RAPIDES PARISH, LA. (Alexandria)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 10	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 10	No exceptions	...
WORCESTER, MASS.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
FLINT, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	May be admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age upon the basis of psychological testing and evaluation. Transfer students from districts which do not operate kindergartens may be enrolled in first grade on a trial basis if they will be 6 by December 1.	...
LANSING, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions	...
LIVONIA, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Occasionally a child is admitted to grade 1 at an earlier age on the basis of composite evidence of readiness represented by the following factors: chronological age; physical size and degree of development; health; potential ability; achievement in fundamental skills and knowledge; social maturity; environmental factors; emotional maturity; sibling rivalry.	...

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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
PUEBLO, COLO.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from an accredited school with lower entrance age requirements. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of an accredited kindergarten, regardless of age.	Required birth date changed in 1964-65 from September 1 to September 15.
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.	5 by March 1	6 by March 1	No exceptions	Policy change under consideration would change required birth date to January 1.
HARTFORD, CONN.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was November 30.
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA. (Pensacola)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	State law passed in 1965 provided that, effective July 1, 1972, a child must be 6 years of age on or before October 1 to be admitted to grade 1.
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLA. (DeLand)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	See Escambia County above.
BIBB COUNTY, GA. (Macon)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
COBB COUNTY, GA. (Marietta)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
FULTON COUNTY, GA. (Atlanta)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	May be admitted at an earlier age upon presentation of doctor's certificate stating child is in perfect health, if child will be 6 by January 1.	...
MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GA. (Columbus)	5 before Dec. 1	6 before Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on basis of teacher recommendation and tests.	...
RICHMOND COUNTY, GA. (Augusta)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY, GA. (Savannah)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 30	No exceptions	...
PEORIA, ILL.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
ROCKFORD, ILL.	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION, IND. (Evansville)	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age on the basis of psychological testing by school psychologist (paid for by parents), if the child will be 5 by January 2. A child so admitted to kindergarten is admitted to first grade the following year if considered ready.	Required birth date recently changed from January 1 to October 1.
FORT WAYNE, IND.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade.	...

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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
ROBBINSDALE, MINN.	5 by Nov. 30 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	6 by Nov. 30 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of interviews and tests by school psychologist. Also admitted early upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	To implement state law passed in 1967, required birth date is being moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1967 to September 1 in 1971 and thereafter. New law provides early admission to grade 1 if kindergarten has been completed.
ST. PAUL, MINN.	5 by Dec. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	6 by Jan. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1972)	No exceptions	To implement state law passed in 1967, required birth dates are being moved back one month each year, until September 1 cutoff date is reached in 1971 for kindergarten and 1972 for grade 1. New law provides early admission to grade 1 if kindergarten has been completed.
JACKSON, MISS.	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
LINCOLN, NEBR.	5 by Oct. 15	Kindergarten required	Admitted to kindergarten at earlier age if child has attained mental age of 6 years, 3 months and will be 5 years of age by January 1. Transfer students from a district without kindergarten may be placed in first grade if they will be 6 by October 15. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on the basis of readiness to do first grade work.	...
WASHOE COUNTY, NEV. (Reno)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
JERSEY CITY, N. J.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
ROCHESTER, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten equivalent to that offered in Rochester, regardless of age.	...
SYRACUSE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at minimum chronological age of 4 years, 6 months by December 1 if minimum mental age is 6 years, 9 months and if child has physical, social, and emotional maturity for kindergarten as determined by a screening committee on the basis of medical and psychological examinations. Admitted to first grade upon completion of an approved kindergarten program, regardless of age.	...
YONKERS, N. Y.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 30	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 30	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age on a trial basis upon completion of one year of an accredited kindergarten, if 6 years of age by January 31.	...
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C. (Fayetteville)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...

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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
GREENSBORO, N. C., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 15	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C. (Winston-Salem)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	5 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted early to kindergarten and first grade on the basis of tests, if child will reach the required entrance age by January 1.	Operation of kindergartens in 1968-69 is dependent upon passage of a tax levy. For many years the cutoff date for entrance to school was January 1. State law enacted in 1965 established October 31 as the required birth date. This was superseded by a law passed in 1967 which set September 30 as the cutoff date for grade 1, to be fully effective in 1969-70.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was December 1.
COLUMBIA, S. C.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., city schools	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	Pilot kindergarten program operating in one school. State law passed in 1965 provided that the birth date for admission to grade 1 be moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1965 to September 30 in 1968 and thereafter.
HAMILTON COUNTY, TENN. (Chattanooga)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	See Chattanooga above.
KNOXVILLE, TENN., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	See Chattanooga above.
SHELBY COUNTY, TENN. (Memphis)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	See Chattanooga above.
AUSTIN, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Underage pupils admitted to grade 1 upon transfer from an accredited public school system with a lower entrance age requirement, provided tuition based on the current annual rate is paid.	Policy providing early admittance of transfer pupils was adopted by the board of education in 1967.
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS (Odessa)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
LUBBOCK, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
PASADENA, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
SPRING BRANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Houston)	5 by Nov. 30	6 by Nov. 30	No exceptions	...
DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH (Farmington)	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 3 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions	...
ARLINGTON COUNTY, VA. (Arlington)	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
CHESAPEAKE, VA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	May be admitted at an earlier age to first grade upon transfer from a public school system with a lower entrance age requirement, if socially and emotionally mature.	...
HAMPTON, VA.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968.
HENRICO COUNTY, VA. (Richmond)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions.	...
NEWPORT NEWS, VA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
RICHMOND, VA., city schools	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT, WASH. (Lynnwood)	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	Admitted at earlier age upon transfer from school district with lower entrance age requirement, provided first semester has been completed.	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was October 1.
HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WASH. (Seattle)	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests, if the required entrance age will be attained between September 15 and November 15.	...
SPOKANE, WASH.	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	...
TACOMA, WASH.	5 by Sept. 10	6 by Sept. 10	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests, if required entrance age will be attained by October 31.	...
MADISON, WIS.	5 by Nov. 30	6 by Nov. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of tests, if the required entrance age will be attained by December 31.	...
RACINE, WIS.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
STRATUM 4--ENROLLMENT 12,000-24,999 (315 SYSTEMS)				
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA. (Bay Minette)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 2	No exceptions	...
CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA. (Anniston)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
GADSDEN, ALA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
MARSHALL COUNTY, ALA. (Guntersville)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 2	A child who will be 6 by Dec. 31 and has attended a private school for 9 months may be admitted to first grade on the basis of testing and a one-week classroom observation period conducted at end of previous term; parents must reimburse school system for all expenses involved.	Underage admission policy adopted in 1963-64.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Nov. 2	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school with lower entrance age requirements or upon completion of a year of kindergarten in a public school or accredited private school. May be admitted at an earlier age to first grade on the basis of testing by a privately licensed psychologist, retained by the parents, if the child will attain the age of 6 by April 30.	No kindergarten is operated during the school year. A six-week kindergarten is operated during the summer. Early admission policy was adopted to comply with state law passed in 1966.
MESA, ARIZ.	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was December 1.
FORT SMITH, ARK.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	A transfer student who has been in attendance at another school for at least 4 weeks and who will be 6 by December 31 may be admitted to first grade on a trial basis.	...
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
PULASKI COUNTY, ARK. (Little Rock)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
ABC SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Artesia)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
ALHAMBRA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (San Jose)	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
ANAHEIM, CALIF.--Elementary School District	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
AZUSA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.	See footnote a/.

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.--Elementary School District	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/	See footnote a/.
BALDWIN PARK, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
BELLFLOWER, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
BERKELEY, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
BURBANK, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
CHULA VISTA, CALIF.--Elementary School District	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
COMPTON, CALIF.--Elementary School District	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
CORONA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
COVINA-VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Covina)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
CUPERTINO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
DOWNEY, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
EAST WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Whittier)	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
EL RANCHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Pico Rivera)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
FONTANA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
FULLERTON, CALIF.--Elementary School District	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.

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GLENDALE, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (La Puente)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
INGLEWOOD, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (La Mesa)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
LOMPOC, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
MODESTO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
MONTEREY PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Monterey)	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
NAPA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Yountville)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Ontario)	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
ORANGE, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
PALO ALTO, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Rolling Hills)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
POMONA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.

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SAN LORENZO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Dec. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Dec. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SAN MATEO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see column 5 and footnote a/.	No acceleration from kindergarten to first grade is permitted; however, a child of exceptional mental, physical, and social maturity may be considered for "special placement" at the end of the kindergarten year. "Special placement" is a plan which allows ungraded, individualized progress through first and second grade work during a single school year.
SANTA CLARA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
SIMI VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (Simi)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
VALLEJO, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
VENTURA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	May be admitted at earlier age to kindergarten upon transfer from a district with a lower entrace age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
VISALIA, CALIF.	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten. Grade 1 - see footnote a/. (May be accelerated from kindergarten.)	See footnote a/.
WEST COVINA, CALIF.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement. Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.

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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
WESTMINSTER, CALIF.--Elementary School District	5 by Dec. 2	6 by Dec. 2	No exceptions for kindergarten Grade 1 - see footnote a/.	See footnote a/.
AURORA, COLO.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and first grade on the basis of tests of mental, physical, social, and emotional development, if the child reaches the required entrance age by November 15. Admitted to first grade regardless of birth date upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement, provided 9 weeks of grade 1 have been successfully completed in that district.	Required birth date changed from November 30 to September 15 since 1962-63.
BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLO. (Boulder)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten if fifth birthday falls between September 30 and December 31, on basis of individual evaluation (any necessary tests paid for by parents). Admitted to grade 1 regardless of age upon successful completion of kindergarten.	Early admission policy revised in 1967.
LITTLETON, COLO.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school which the child attended for at least 60 days with satisfactory achievement. Admitted to first grade also upon completion of one year of public kindergarten, regardless of age.	Required birth date changed from November 30 to September 15 since 1962-63. Testing for early entrance was conducted for two years and discontinued as unsatisfactory.
MESA COUNTY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLO. (Grand Junction)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 15	May be admitted to first grade on basis of psychological testing, if child will be 6 by November 15.	Required birth date changed from October 1 to September 15 since 1962-63.
WESTMINSTER, COLO.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon completion of one year of public kindergarten or upon transfer from district with a lower entrance age requirement.	Required birth date changed from September 1 to September 15 effective in 1968.
MILFORD, CONN.	4 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a school with a lower entrance age requirement.	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was December 1.
NEW HAVEN, CONN.	4 yrs., 8 mos. by Oct. 1	5 yrs., 8 mos. by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from kindergarten in another public school system, provided testing standards are met.	...

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NORWALK, CONN.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	May be admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age upon transfer from a public kindergarten after two months attendance, on the basis of psychological tests and satisfactory adjustment after a three-week trial period. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age for a trial period upon transfer from another community. A child underage for first grade who has attended a private kindergarten may be placed in grade 1 after a three-week observation period in a kindergarten class.	...
STAMFORD, CONN.	5 by Feb. 1	6 by Feb. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. In rare cases, acceleration from kindergarten to first grade may be permitted on basis of kindergarten experience and testing.	...
WATERBURY, CONN.	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (See col. 5)	No exceptions	Requirement shown in column 3 applies to children who have attended kindergarten; those in schools with no kindergarten are admitted to first grade if they have reached the age of 5 years, 7 months before the opening of school.
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.	5 before Jan. 1	6 before Jan. 1	A child who will be 5 by March 1 may participate in a child study evaluation in May of the year preceeding entrance to determine whether early admission to kindergarten shall be approved. A child so admitted to kindergarten is eligible for early entrance to grade 1 the following year.	Underage admission of pupils to kindergarten initiated since 1962-63.
WILMINGTON, DEL.	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLA. (Gainesville)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	State law passed in 1965 provided that, effective July 1, 1972, a child must be 6 years of age on or before October 1 to be admitted to grade 1.
LAKE COUNTY, FLA. (Tavares)	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (6 by Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968. See Alachua County above.
LEE COUNTY, FLA. (Ft. Myers)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	See Alachua County above.
LEON COUNTY, FLA. (Tallahassee)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968. See Alachua County above.
MANATEE COUNTY, FLA. (Bradenton)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	See Alachua County above.
MARION COUNTY, FLA. (Ocala)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	See Alachua County above.

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OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLA. (Crestview)	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968. See Alachua County above.
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLA. (Sarasota)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	See Alachua County above.
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLA. (Sanford)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	No exceptions	See Alachua County above.
CLAYTON COUNTY, GA. (Jonesboro)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GA. (Albany)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
GLYNN COUNTY, GA. (Brunswick)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
GWINNETT COUNTY, GA. (Lawrenceville)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
HOUSTON COUNTY, GA. (Perry)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	Beginning in 1965, required birth date has been moved back one month each year from December 1 to September 1, where it will remain.
BOISE, IDAHO	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions	...
ALTON, ILL.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	In rare cases, may be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of psychological and social study.	...
DECATUR, ILL.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. No exceptions for grade 1 if child has not attended kindergarten; may admit underage child to grade 1 on advice of kindergarten teacher and principal.	...
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Kindergartens discontinued several years ago for lack of classroom space.
ELGIN, ILL.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Transfer students admitted at earlier age to grade 1 if kindergarten has been completed and ability to do first-grade work is demonstrated.	Required birth date for kindergarten admission changed from December 31 to December 1, effective in 1968. In 1962-63, reported December 31 as cutoff date for first grade.
GRANITE CITY, ILL.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...

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ANDERSON, IND.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL CORPORATION, IND. (Columbus)	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from a school with lower entrance age requirements.	...
ELKHART, IND.	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school district with a lower entrance age requirement. Also admitted underage to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in another system after evaluation by the Department of Pupil Personnel.	...
HAMMOND, IND.	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	May be admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age if tests indicate advanced mental age and social and physical maturity, provided child will be 5 by December 31. A child so admitted to kindergarten is eligible for early entrance to first grade the following year.	The school system strongly recommends, as a matter of policy, that a child have a year of kindergarten before he is accepted into first grade.
KOKOMO-CENTER SCHOOL CORPORATION, IND. (Kokomo)	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968.
MICHIGAN CITY, IND.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age on the basis of psychological testing, if child will be 5 by December 31. A child so admitted to kindergarten is eligible for early entrance to first grade the following year.	...
MUNCIE, IND.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions	...
VIGO COUNTY, IND. (Terre Haute)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade on the basis of a written report from a certificated psychometrist, if the required birth date will be attained during October. Arrangements for, and cost of, psychological examination are the parents' responsibility.	...
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, IND. (Indianapolis)	5 by October 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Required birth date changed from November 9 to October 1, effective in 1965 for kindergarten and 1966 for grade 1.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child enrolled in kindergarten may be accelerated to first grade upon the recommendations of the teacher, principal, and the Department of Special Services after tests and evaluations approved by the State Department of Public Instruction.	...
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions	...

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DAVENPORT, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	A transfer student moving into the school district on November 15 or later, who has been in regular attendance in a system which has a lower entrance age requirement, and who has attained the age of 5 by November 15, and who has demonstrated readiness and mental maturity by tests administered by the Davenport schools, is admitted to kindergarten. A child whose birthday falls between September 15 and November 15, who has had one full year of kindergarten in an accredited school, and who demonstrates a mental age of 6 and a readiness score of 65 on the Metropolitan Readiness Test, is admitted to first grade.	...
SIOUX CITY, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted to kindergarten at midterm upon transfer from an accredited kindergarten, regardless of age. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year in a kindergarten approved by the State Department of Public Instruction, if the child will be 6 by October 15.	...
WATERLOO, IOWA	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15 (See col. 5)	Admitted to kindergarten at midterm upon transfer from an accredited kindergarten with a lower entrance age requirement. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in another system, regardless of age.	Children who apply for admission to first grade without previous kindergarten attendance are evaluated and placed in either kindergarten or first grade, regardless of age.
TOPEKA, KANS.	5 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in a public school district, regardless of age.	In accordance with state law, enacted in 1966, required birth date has been moved back one month each year since 1965, when it was January 1; in 1969 and thereafter, it will be September 1.
PIKE COUNTY, KY. (Pikeville)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	5 yrs., 8½ mos. by Aug. 15	No exceptions	School system operates a preschool program for all five-year-olds funded jointly by the OEO and ESEA Title I.
BOSSIER PARISH, LA. (Benton)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
LAFAYETTE PARISH, LA. (Lafayette)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LA. (Thibodaux)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	A pilot kindergarten program will be operated in 1968-69.
OUACHITA PARISH, LA. (Monroe)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LA. (Opelousas)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
ST. MARY PARISH, LA. (Franklin)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LA. (Amite)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 3	No exceptions	...

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TERREBONNE PARISH, LA. (Houma)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
PORTLAND, MAINE	5 by Oct. 15	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who has completed one year of an accredited kindergarten which required an earlier entrance age must be enrolled in kindergarten but may be accelerated to first grade on the basis of test results and teacher's observations.	...
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD. (Cumberland)	No kindergarten	5 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
CARROLL COUNTY, MD. (Westminster)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD. (Frederick)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
HARFORD COUNTY, MD. (Bel Air)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968.
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD. (Hagerstown)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
BROCKTON, MASS.	No kindergarten	5 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	A child transferring from a private school first grade with lower entrance age requirement may be admitted only upon passing an entrance test and only if classroom space permits.	Required entrance age reported in 1962-63 was 5 years, 9 months by September 1.
CHICOPEE, MASS.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from certified school with lower entrance age requirements.	...
FALL RIVER, MASS.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was November 30.
LOWELL, MASS.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Oct. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Required entrance ages reported in 1962-63 were 4 years, 6 months, and 5 years, 6 months by October 1 for kindergarten and grade 1, respectively.
LYNN, MASS.	No kindergarten	5 by previous Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
NEW BEDFORD, MASS.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
NEWTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, MASS. (Newtonville)	4 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 8 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten on the basis of psychological and social appraisal, if child will be 4 years, 5 months by September 1. A child so admitted to kindergarten is eligible for early admission to first grade the following year.	...
PITTSFIELD, MASS.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and first grade on the basis of psychological tests of social adjustment and academic readiness administered within 30 days of entrance date.	The question of raising the entrance age requirement was studied, but the administration decided that the advantages were offset by the damage done to the disadvantaged by excluding them from school for another year.

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QUINCY, MASS	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on the basis of tests and teacher and principal recommendation, if the child will be 6 by December 31.	...
SOMERVILLE, MASS.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted early to first grade if test shows a mental age of 6 and if child's sixth birthday falls between December 31 and April 30.	...
WEYMOUTH, MASS.	No kindergarten	5 by previous Dec. 31	No exceptions	...
ANN ARBOR, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child may be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade if a complete case study of physical development, emotional maturity, social adjustment, and academic achievement places him in the upper quartile of the group in which he will be placed.	...
BAY CITY, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
DEARBORN, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Continuous progress plan in primary grades permits advanced kindergarten children to enter first grade at any time if the school psychologist, teachers, and parents judge it to be to the child's advantage.	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was January 1.
EAST DETROIT, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Kindergarten, while not compulsory, is strongly recommended. Only occasionally are children admitted to first grade without kindergarten experience.
FARMINGTON, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to grade 1 upon completion of one year of kindergarten in a district with an earlier entrance age requirement, regardless of age.	...
GARDEN CITY, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer at midterm from a state-recognized school with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
GROSSE POINTE, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Early admission policy for kindergarten abandoned since 1962-63.
JACKSON, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	Admission at an earlier age possible for a very mature child.	...
KALAMAZOO, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	No minimum (See col. 5)	No exceptions	Teacher and principal evaluate pupils to determine readiness for first grade.

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
LINCOLN PARK, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Completion of one year of kindergarten strongly recommended.
PONTIAC, MICH.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions	Evidence of readiness for first-grade work required before placement there. Most 6-year-olds who have not had kindergarten experience are placed in kindergarten until there is evidence they can do first-grade work.
PORT HURON, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade without kindergarten completion depending upon the ability of the child and reason for failing to attend kindergarten.	...
ROSEVILLE, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who has not completed kindergarten is initially placed in kindergarten but may be accelerated to first grade after a trial period and testing if he will be six by December 1.	...
ROYAL OAK, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. Acceleration from kindergarten to first grade possible for unusually mature child.	...
SAGINAW, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
SOUTHFIELD, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade on a trial basis at an earlier age upon completion of one year of an accredited private kindergarten.	...
TAYLOR, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
UTICA, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at earlier age on basis of superior physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development revealed in testing by an authorized psychologist (arranged for and paid for by the parents).	Underage testing policy adopted in October 1963.
WARREN, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions	...
WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, MICH. (Pontiac)	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	...
WAYNE, MICH.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. Under normal circumstances completion of kindergarten is required for first-grade admission; exceptions in individual cases may be handled by principals.	...
ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MINN. (Anoka)	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
BLOOMINGTON, MINN	5 by Dec. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	6 by Jan. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on evidence of unusual ability. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	To implement state law passed in 1967, required birth dates are being moved back each year, from December 1 for kindergarten and January 1 for first grade to September 1 in 1971 and thereafter. Required birth date for kindergarten and first grade will be November 1 in 1969. Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63
DULUTH, MINN.	5 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 by 1971)	May be admitted at earlier age to kindergarten if psychological tests determine the child is socially well adjusted, large in stature, mature for his age, eager to learn, and has a good intelligence quotient. Admitted at earlier age to first grade upon completion of kindergarten, regardless of age.	In accordance with state law passed in 1967, required birth date will be September 1, effective in 1971.
GREENVILLE, MISS.	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
HINDS COUNTY, MISS. (Jackson)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
FERGUSON-FLORISSANT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MO. (Ferguson)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from another district with a lower entrance age requirement provided: 1. Child attains required age between October 1 and December 15 and has been in regular attendance for at least 4 weeks immediately preceding transfer; or, if he attains required age after December 15, has been in regular attendance for at least 4 months preceding transfer. 2. His family has established residence in the district after the beginning of the school term. 3. He is recommended by the sending school and/or completes satisfactorily locally administered tests.	Required birth date changed from October 15 to September 30 since 1962-63.
HAZELWOOD, MO.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Operation of kindergarten will begin in fall 1968.
HICKMAN MILLS, MO.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer after first month of school from a district with lower entrance age requirement.	...
INDEPENDENCE, MO.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school district with lower entrance requirements.	Required birth date changed from November 1 to September 30 since 1962-63.

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, MO. (Kansas City)	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a school district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
RAYTOWN, MO.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	Transfer students are admitted at midterm to kindergarten and first grade if they have attained the required age by the beginning of the second semester.	Required birth date changed from October 15 to October 1 since 1962-63.
RITENOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, MO. (Overland)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was September 15.
ST. JOSEPH, MO.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
SPRINGFIELD, MO.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Nov. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1969)	While the entrance date is being stabilized (through school year 1968-69), a child whose birth date falls within the 30-day period following the required birth date may be admitted, provided tests show he has attained sufficient maturity. A child may be denied admission to, or removed from, kindergarten or grade 1 regardless of age if, in the judgement of the administration and teacher, he is not sufficiently mature.	Operation of kindergartens was begun in 1966-67. Required birth date reported for grade 1 in 1962-63 was December 15. October 1 has been set as the cutoff date for both classes, effective in 1969. Implementation of this policy is being accomplished as follows: Kgn. / Gr. 1 1967-68: Nov. 1 / Dec. 1 1968-69: Oct. 1 / Nov. 1 1969-70: Oct. 1 / Oct. 1
BILLINGS, MONT.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	...
GREAT FALLS, MONT.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	Admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from an accredited public school with lower entrance age requirements.	...
MANCHESTER, N. H.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
CAMDEN, N. J.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP, N. J. (Cherry Hill)	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	Admitted early to kindergarten upon transfer from kindergarten in another accredited school. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year in a public school kindergarten, regardless of age. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year in an accredited private kindergarten if birth date falls before January 31; must first be tested if birth date is between December 1 and January 31.	...
CLIFTON, N. J.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	A child born between December 1 and January 31 who has been attending an approved kindergarten since September, may transfer into Clifton on his fifth birthday or at the beginning of February. A child is admitted to first grade upon transfer from a system with a lower entrance age requirement.	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	3	4	5	6
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
EDISON, N. J.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of an "effective kindergarten program," regardless of age.	...
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J. (Trenton)	5 by Nov. 30	6 by Nov. 30	No exceptions	...
MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, N. J. (Middletown)	5 by Oct. 1	Kindergarten required	Admitted to kindergarten at an earlier age upon transfer from school district with a lower entrance age requirement. All youngsters without kindergarten experience, either 5 or 6 years old, are placed in kindergarten for a trial period; if the child proves ready for first-grade work, he is so placed.	Required birth date changed from October 15 to October 1 since 1962-63.
PATERSON, N. J.	5 by Dec. 31	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. A transfer student who has not completed kindergarten, but who is 6 by December 31 may be admitted to grade 1 on the basis of individual evaluations.	...
TRENTON, N. J.	5 by Nov. 30	6 by Nov. 30	No exceptions for kindergarten. Each principal has the authority to enroll a pupil in first grade at an earlier age if the child is ready.	...
WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, N. J. (Woodbridge)	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	Admitted to kindergarten upon transfer from a kindergarten with a lower entrance age requirement, if the child is 5 years of age. Students so accepted for kindergarten are eligible for early entrance to first grade the following year.	...
LAS CRUCES, N. MEX.	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 1	No exceptions	...
ALBANY, N. Y.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in a school system with a lower entrance age requirement, upon recommendation of the sending school system.	...
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child without kindergarten experience who has attained the age of 6 or 7 years is generally placed in first grade.	...
BRENTWOOD, N. Y.	5 by Jan. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who has not completed an approved kindergarten program may be admitted to first grade on basis of reading readiness tests and chronological age.	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
COMMACK, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	Admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten upon transfer from a registered public or nonpublic kindergarten, if child will be 5 by January 1 and if he was in continuous attendance for at least four months. Admitted to first grade upon completion of a registered public or nonpublic kindergarten, regardless of age.	...
EAST MEADOW, N. Y.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of an accredited kindergarten program, regardless of age.	...
ELMIRA, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon transfer from a school system with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
FARMINGDALE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year in a nonpublic kindergarten with a program equivalent to that of Farmingdale, regardless of age.	Policy permitting early admission to grade 1, noted in column 4, was recently adopted (as result of a court decision).
HICKSVILLE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	Kindergarten required	Admission to kindergarten of children who will be 5 by December 31 may be made for "extenuating circumstances." Children who will be 6 by December 1 and who have not completed kindergarten are registered in kindergarten and evaluated by the principal for placement in kindergarten or first grade.	...
KENMORE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten equivalent to that of the local public schools, regardless of age.	...
LEVITTOWN, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	Admitted to kindergarten after February 1 upon transfer from another school district, provided fifth birthday has been reached by January 1. Admitted to grade 1 upon completion of one year in an approved and registered private kindergarten, if sixth birthday will be reached by January 1; if sending kindergarten is not registered, its recommendation must be evaluated by the receiving school.	Since 1962-63, a selective admissions plan for children one month younger than required entrance age has been abandoned.
MASSAPEQUA, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
MT. VERNON, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade at earlier age upon completion of one year of public school or recognized private school kindergarten, on basis of readiness tests.	...

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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted early to grade 1, without testing, if recommended by a registered kindergarten and if sixth birthday falls in January. May be admitted early to grade 1 after one year in a nonregistered kindergarten, on basis of a period of observation and testing in the local kindergarten.	...
NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1	Kindergarten required	No exceptions	...
NORTH SYRACUSE, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	...
SCHENECTADY, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to grade 1 upon completion of one year of a recognized kindergarten program, regardless of age.	...
SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	Children who have attended an accredited nursery school and are 5 by January 1 may be admitted to kindergarten. Admitted to first grade and kindergarten at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school, or an accredited private school, with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
UTICA, N. Y.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C. (Graham)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	....
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N. C. (Asheville)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	Children eligible for first grade entrance in the fall may attend summer kindergarten sessions sponsored by the school district.
DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C. (Lexington)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
DURHAM, N. C., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
DURHAM COUNTY, N. C. (Durham)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions	...
GASTON COUNTY, N. C. (Gastonia)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C. (Greensboro)	5 by Oct. 15 (See col. 5)	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted at an earlier age to first grade upon transfer from another state with a lower entrance requirement.	Kindergartens operated in only two schools.

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
HARNETT COUNTY, N. C. (Lillington)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
HIGH POINT, N. C.	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C. (Smithfield)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions	...
NASH COUNTY, N. C. (Nashville)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
NEW HANOVER COUNTY, N. C. (Wilmington)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
ONSLOW COUNTY, N. C. (Jacksonville)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
PITT COUNTY, N. C. (Greenville)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	No exceptions	...
RALEIGH, N. C., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a public school with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
ROWAN COUNTY, N. C. (Salisbury)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 15	No exceptions	...
WAKE COUNTY, N. C. (Raleigh)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in a public school, regardless of age.	...
WAYNE COUNTY, N. C. (Goldsboro)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 16	Admitted to first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a state with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
BEREA, OHIO	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade on basis of evaluation and tests by the Department of Pupil Personnel Services, if the required entrance age is attained by January 1. Admitted regardless of age upon transfer from another district during second semester.	State law passed in 1967 established September 30 as birth date for admission to grade 1, to be fully effective in 1969-70; this superseded a statute enacted in 1965 which established October 31 as the birth date. Underage testing policy became effective in 1967-68.
CANTON, OHIO	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade on basis of tests of mental ability, social and emotional adjustment.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, OHIO (Cleveland Heights)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child whose sixth birthday occurs between October 1 and December 31 is enrolled in kindergarten and evaluated during the first few weeks for possible acceleration to first grade.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
ELYRIA, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 15 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and first grade on basis of testing if child attains required entrance age by January 1. Admitted regardless of age upon transfer from another district after January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
HAMILTON, OHIO	5 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and first grade on basis of tests, if the required birth date is attained by December 31.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
KETTERING, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and first grade on basis of evaluation, if the child attains the required entrance age by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
LORAIN, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted at an earlier age to first grade on the basis of tests.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
MANSFIELD, OHIO	5 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on basis of tests revealing advanced intellectual, motor, social, and emotional development, if the required entrance age is reached by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
MIDDLETOWN, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	No exceptions for 1968-69. Beginning in 1969, emotionally mature children with an IQ of 120 may be admitted to first grade if they will be 6 by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
PARMA, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade on the basis of testing, if the required entrance age is attained by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
SOUTH-WESTERN (FRANKLIN) SCHOOL DISTRICT, OHIO (Grove City)	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age on the basis of psychological evaluation, if the required entrance age is attained by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Nov. 1 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	No exceptions at present. Criteria for implementing an early admission policy for kindergarten and grade 1 are under study.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
WARREN, OHIO	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade on basis of evaluation of academic aptitude and school readiness, if required age is attained by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).
WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OHIO (Willoughby)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	Admitted to first grade on the basis of tests revealing an I.Q. of 125 or above and above-average emotional and social maturity, if the child will be 6 years of age by January 1.	Birth date changed in compliance with state law (see Berea above).

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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
LAWTON, OKLA.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 2	Underage children who have been enrolled in grade 1 on a tuition basis in another school district are admitted upon payment of tuition in Lawton.	Underage admission policies have been adopted since 1962-63.
MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.	5 by Nov. 2	6 by Nov. 2	Admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and grade 1 on basis of tests and upon payment of tuition, if child is a resident of the state. Admitted without tuition upon transfer from a district in another state with a lower entrance age requirement.	Policy regarding admission of underage students transferring from another state became effective in 1965-66.
PUTNAM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, OKLA. (Oklahoma City)	5 by Nov. 2	6 by Nov. 2	No exceptions.	...
BEAVERTON, OREG.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 15	No exceptions	...
EUGENE, OREG.	5 by Nov. 15 (See col. 5)	6 by Nov. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade on basis of tests of mental, physical, and emotional maturity, if child will be 6 by December 31.	A kindergarten program involving a limited number of children is currently provided on an experimental basis; if approved by voters, it will become operational district-wide.
SALEM, OREG.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 15	No exceptions.	...
ABINGTON, PA.	5 by Feb. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	Admitted to kindergarten and grade 1 at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
ALLENTOWN, PA.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions.	...
ALTOONA, PA.	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions.	...
BETHLEHEM, PA.	5 by Feb. 1	6 by Feb. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon recommendation of a psychologist as to the total developmental readiness of the child--emotional, social, physical, and intellectual.	...
BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, PA. (Bristol)	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions.	...
CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, PA. (Harrisburg)	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions.	...
ERIE, PA.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	May be admitted to kindergarten at earlier age after individual examination by school psychologist. No exceptions for first grade.	Proposal is being considered to change entrance age requirements to 5 and 6 by September 1 for kindergarten and grade 1, respectively.
HARRISBURG, PA.	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and grade one on recommendation of school psychologist and upon approval of board of school directors.	...

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	Kindergarten	Grade One		
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STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEM (Continued)				
NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PA. (Langhorne)	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions.	...
PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, PA. (Pittsburgh)	No kindergarten	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions	...
PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT, PA. (Fallsington)	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions	...
READING, PA.	4 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade upon completion of a full year of kindergarten and after complete psychological testing, regardless of age.	...
SCRANTON, PA.	5 by Jan. 31	6 by Jan. 31	No exceptions	...
CRANSTON, R. I.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Required birth date changed in 1967 from October 15 to December 31.
WARWICK, R. I.	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens was begun in September 1967.
AIKEN COUNTY, S. C. (Aiken)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	Admitted at earlier age upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
ANDERSON, S. C.	5 by Nov. 1 (See col. 5)	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	District provides two sections of kindergarten in one school only at the present time.
BERKELEY COUNTY, S. C. (Moncks Corner)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
COOPER RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, S. C. (North Charleston)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
FLORENCE, S. C.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
HORRY COUNTY, S. C. (Conway)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
ROCK HILL, S. C.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
SPARTANBURG, S. C.	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY, S. C. (Kingstree)	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
RAPID CITY, S. DAK.	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	...
SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
KNOX COUNTY, TENN. (Knoxville)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions at present. Possible exceptions are now under study.	State law passed in 1965 provided that the birth date for admission to grade 1 be moved back one month each year, from December 31 in 1965 to September 30 in 1968 and thereafter.
ABILENE, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
ALDINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Houston)	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
ARLINGTON, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
BEAUMONT, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
BIRDVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Fort Worth)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Resident students attaining the age of 6 between September 1 and January 1, are permitted to enter first grade upon payment of $126 tuition in those schools where space is available.	...
EDGEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (San Antonio)	No kindergarten	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	Required birth date changed from September 1 to December 1 since 1962-63.
GALVESTON, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
GARLAND, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
GOOSE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Baytown)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	With the completion of current building program, kindergarten will be instituted in the district; entrance age will be 5 by September 1.
HARLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (San Antonio)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Hurst)	No kindergarten (See col. 5)	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	The school district operates a six-week kindergarten program financed by local funds.
LAREDO, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
MESQUITE, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Underage transfer students who have had 12 weeks of continuous first-grade instruction in an accredited public out-of-district school are admitted upon payment of tuition.	...
MIDLAND, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (San Antonio)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Admitted at an earlier age upon transfer from an accredited school with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
NORTHEAST HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (Houston)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Admitted at an earlier age upon transfer after midterm from another state with lower entrance age requirement.	...
NORTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS (San Antonio)	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
RICHARDSON, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions	...
TYLER, TEXAS	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. A child who will be 6 by December 31 may be admitted to first grade upon payment of tuition for the entire school year.	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	No kindergarten	6 by Sept. 1	Admitted upon transfer from a school district with a lower entrance age requirement. If first-grade classes are not full, a child who will be 6 by October 15 will be admitted on a tuition basis.	...
ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UTAH (American Fork)	5 by Oct. 31	Kindergarten required	Only rarely are children permitted to enter kindergarten at an earlier age and then only after extensive testing. Transfer students who are 6 years old and have been enrolled in first grade in a school district which does not require kindergarten are accepted into first grade.	...
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, UTAH (Sandy)	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in another district, regardless of age.	Operation of regular kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
OGDEN, UTAH, city schools	5 by Sept. 1	6 by Sept. 1	Admitted at earlier age to kindergarten and first grade upon transfer from a district with a lower entrance age in which the child has been in continuous attendance for an extended time; may also be admitted at earlier age on the basis of special examinations.	...
WEBER COUNTY, UTAH (Ogden)	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	Operation of regular kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
ALEXANDRIA, VA.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens will begin in fall 1968.
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA. (Chesterfield)	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	Operation of kindergartens begun since 1962-63.
LYNCHBURG, VA.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
PORTSMOUTH, VA.	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade at earlier age upon transfer from the first grade of a public school with a lower entrance age requirement.	...
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA. (Manassas)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
ROANOKE, VA., city schools	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
ROANOKE COUNTY, VA. (Salem)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 1	No exceptions	...
BELLEVUE, WASH.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten in another district, regardless of age.	Required birth date reported in 1962-63 was September 1.

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School system	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, WASH. (Lakewood Center)	5 by Sept. 10	6 by Sept. 10	May be admitted at an earlier age to kindergarten and grade 1 on the basis of psychological tests, if the required entrance age is reached by October 31. Also admitted to kindergarten and grade 1 at an earlier age upon transfer after at least six weeks of prior schooling outside the district.	...
EVERETT, WASH.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions for kindergarten. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one year of kindergarten, regardless of age.	...
RENTON, WASH.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a school district with a lower entrance age requirement.	Policy which would permit admission of underage children other than transfers is under study and "some change is likely."
SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WASH.	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	Admitted to kindergarten upon transfer at midterm from a public school kindergarten, provided child will be 5 by January 1. Admitted to first grade upon completion of one semester of public school kindergarten or one year of private kindergarten, provided child will be 6 by January 1. Transfer students with one year of kindergarten and one month of public school first grade or one semester of private school first grade are also admitted. Acceleration from kindergarten to first grade is permitted on basis of testing by guidance personnel.	Early admission policies revised in 1966.
YAKIMA, WASH.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be accelerated from kindergarten to first grade upon recommendations of the Student Personnel Services and the kindergarten teacher.	...
CABELL COUNTY, W. VA. (Huntington)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	Prior to 1965, children whose sixth birthday fell as late as December 5 were permitted to enter first grade on basis of psychological test results.
HARRISON COUNTY, W. VA. (Clarksburg)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	Previously, a child could be admitted at an earlier age to first grade on basis of psychological testing if his birthday fell between November 1 and February 1.
LOGAN COUNTY, W. VA. (Logan)	No kindergarten	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	Previously, children who attained the age of six by November 15 and could pass an entrance test were admitted to first grade.
MARION COUNTY, W. VA. (Fairmont)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
MERCER COUNTY, W. VA. (Princeton)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...

ADMISSION POLICIES (Continued)

School systems	Entrance-age requirements for fall admission		Exceptions to minimum entrance age requirement	Additional information (including policy revisions since 1962-63)
	Kindergarten	Grade One		
1	2	3	4	5
STRATUM 4 SCHOOL SYSTEMS (Continued)				
RALEIGH COUNTY, W. VA. (Beckley)	5 by Oct. 31	6 by Oct. 31	No exceptions	...
WOOD COUNTY, W. VA. (Parkersburg)	No kindergarten	6 by Nov. 1	No exceptions	...
GREEN BAY, WIS.	5 by Sept. 30	6 by Sept. 30	May be admitted to kindergarten on basis of individual readiness tests of emotional stability, social adjustment, and mental maturity, if child will be 5 by November 30. Director of Elementary Education, with advice of principal and kindergarten teacher, may permit a child whose birthday falls by November 30 to enter grade 1.	...
KENOSHA, WIS.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
WEST ALLIS, WIS.	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	No exceptions	...
CASPER-MIDWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT, WYO. (Casper)	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	No exceptions for kindergarten. May be admitted to first grade upon completion of a year of kindergarten and exceptional scores on a reading readiness test. Transfer students from first grade in another school district are placed in first grade on a trial basis.	...
CHEYENNE, WYO.	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	Admitted to kindergarten and first grade at an earlier age upon transfer from a district with lower entrance age requirements.	...

Footnote:

a/ STATE OF CALIFORNIA Section 5302 of the California Education Code reads as follows:

"A child who has been lawfully admitted to the public school kindergarten as defined by the State of California, in California or any other state, and who has completed one year therein shall be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school regardless of age.

"A child who has been lawfully admitted to a public school kindergarten in California and who is judged by the administration of the school district, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education, to be ready for first-grade work may be admitted to the first grade at the discretion of the school administration of the district and with the consent of the child's parent or guardian regardless of age.

"Where a child has been legally enrolled in the public schools of another district within or out of the State, he may be admitted to school and placed in the grade of enrollment in the district of former attendance, at the discretion of the school administration of the district entered.

"No child shall be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school pursuant to this section unless the child is at least five years of age."

The second paragraph of Section 5302, permitting the local school administration, at its own discretion, to provide for acceleration to grade 1 from kindergarten, was adopted in 1963. Adopted that same year was the State Board regulation governing the implementation of the new policy by the local districts (California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 65.1). This regulation states that the procedures adopted by the local board "shall insure that a kindergarten pupil placed in the first grade meets the following criteria:

"(1) The child is at least five years of age.

"(2) The child has attended a public school kindergarten for a long enough time to enable school personnel to make an evaluation of his ability.

Footnote: (Continued)

"(3) The child is in the upper five percent of his age group in terms of general mental ability as determined by appropriate tests.

"(4) The physical development and social maturity of the child are consistent with his advanced mental ability.

"(5) The parent or guardian of the child has filed with the school district a written statement approving placement in the first grade."

Where it appears from a school system's response to the questionnaire that, in accordance with the above state policy and regulation, the local board has established procedures for acceleration from kindergarten to grade 1, the phrase "may be accelerated from kindergarten" appears in column 4.

The third paragraph of Section 5302, permitting the local school administration to place a child entering from another district "in the grade of enrollment in the district of former attendance" apparently is interpreted in most California districts as applicable to grade 1 only. However, a few of the responses seemed to indicate that the policy applies also to kindergarten; where this is so, it has been noted in column 4.

STATE LAWS ON PERMISSIVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE, 1968

State	STATE LAW		Additional information	State aid for kindergartens[a]
	Kindergarten entrance age	First grade entrance age		
1	2	3	4	5
ALABAMA	5	6 by Oct. 1 (6 by Feb. 1)[b]	Admitted to kindergarten at 5 years of age on such terms and conditions as the local board of education may prescribe.	No
ALASKA	No provision	6 by Nov. 2	...	Yes
ARIZONA	5 by Jan. 1 (see col. 4)	6 by Jan. 1	Local boards of trustees may exclude from primary grades pupils under 6. Arizona does not have state supported kindergartens; however, the statutes provide that "the board of trustees may establish kindergartens when in their opinion establishment of a kindergarten will not interfere with the work of or maintenance of efficiency in the grades."	No
ARKANSAS	No provision	6 by Oct. 1	...	No
CALIFORNIA	4 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (4 yrs., 9 mos. by Feb. 1)[b]	5 yrs., 9 mos. by Sept. 1 (5 yrs., 9 mos. by Feb. 1)[b]	Completion of one year of kindergarten or acceleration from kindergarten to first grade of an exceptional child who is 5 also qualifies pupil for early admission to first grade.	Yes
COLORADO	No provision (See col. 4)	6 at beginning of school year or at a subsequent time fixed by the local board.	Colorado school law defines school age as "over 6 and under 21" and states that any child attaining school age during the school year may be admitted to school subject to the requirements for admission fixed by the school board of the district in which he applies for enrollment. The State Board of Education has recommended that a child who attains the age of 5 on or before September 15 be admitted to kindergarten and that a child who becomes 6 years of age on or before September 15 be admitted to first grade for the regular school term.	Yes
CONNECTICUT	All children over 5		Town boards may admit children under 5 or may exclude children who will not be 5 until after January 1 of the school year.	Yes
DELAWARE	No provision	6	...	No
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	5 by Nov. 1	6 by Nov. 1	...	...
FLORIDA	5 by Jan. 1	6 by Jan. 1 (Oct. 1 in 1972)	Pupils must enter within the first month of school or wait until the beginning of the next session.	Partial
GEORGIA	No provision	6	State Board of Education by general policy recommends that children under 6 years of age be permitted to enter school provided they will be 6 within the first three months of the school term, but actual practice is subject to the policies of each local board of education.	No
HAWAII	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	...	Yes
IDAHO	No provision	6 by Oct. 16	...	No
ILLINOIS	4	6 by Dec. 1 (6 by May 1)[b]	...	Yes
INDIANA	No provision	No provision	Local boards of education determine entrance age regulations to satisfy compulsory attendance statute.	Yes
IOWA	No provision	6 by Sept. 15	Board of education may require an earlier age for admission. Law permits acceleration to first grade from kindergarten, or early admission to first grade if child will be 6 by December 31.	Yes

STATE LAWS (Continued)

State	STATE LAW		Additional information	State aid for kindergartens[a]
	Kindergarten entrance age	First grade entrance age		
1	2	3	4	5
KANSAS	5 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	6 by Oct. 1 (Sept. 1 in 1969)	...	Yes
KENTUCKY	No provision	6 by Dec. 31 (6 within 30 days after opening of second term)[b]	Child must enter within 30 days of the beginning of the session.	No
LOUISIANA	5 within 4 mos. after beginning of school term or session.	6 within 4 mos. after beginning of school term or session	Local boards of education may establish December 31 as the required birth date for kindergarten or first grade entrance.	Yes
MAINE	5 by Oct. 15	6 by Oct. 15	...	Yes
MARYLAND	No provision (See col. 4)	6	State board of education resolutions specify that a child shall be at least 5 and 6 years of age by December 31 for admission to kindergarten and first grade, respectively.	Yes
MASSACHUSETTS	No minimum		The local school committee may make regulations as to attendance therein.	Yes
MICHIGAN	5 on first day of school term		The local board of education may admit pupils under 5, but no state aid is allowed for children who will be 5 after December 1.	Yes
MINNESOTA	5 by Sept. 1 (see col. 4)	6 by Sept. 1 (see col. 4)	A 1967 amendment to the state's permissive attendance law stipulates that the cutoff date for kindergarten and first grade entrance in 1971 will be Sept. 1; that completion of kindergarten also qualifies a child for first grade entrance, regardless of age; and that local boards of education may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age. Although local boards may establish their own schedules for implementing this statute, the State Board of Education has recommended the following schedule of cutoff dates: December 1 in 1968, November 1 in 1969, and October 1 in 1970.	Yes
MISSISSIPPI	No provision	6 by Jan. 1	...	No
MISSOURI	5 by Oct. 1	6 by Oct. 1	Local boards of education may admit pupils at an earlier age, but state aid is not allowed for these pupils.	Yes
MONTANA	3	6	Local boards of education are to establish required birth dates for entrance.	No
NEBRASKA	5 by Oct. 15	6 by Oct. 15	Completion of kindergarten or "beginner grade" qualifies a child for first grade, regardless of age. Local boards of education may adopt policies permitting the admission of pupils to kindergarten at an earlier age on the basis of recognized testing procedures approved by the State Board of Education.	Yes
NEVADA	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	The board of education in a district may exclude all children under 6 when the interest of the school may require it.	Yes
NEW HAMPSHIRE	No provision	No provision	...	No
NEW JERSEY	5 by Oct. 1		School must be available to all children at the age of 5.	Yes
NEW MEXICO	No provision	No provision	...	No
NEW YORK	5 by Dec. 1		...	Yes

STATE LAWS (Continued)

State	STATE LAW		Additional information	State aid for kindergartens[a]
	Kindergarten entrance age	First grade entrance age		
1	2	3	4	5
NORTH CAROLINA	No provision	6 by Oct. 1 or date set by State Board of Education	State Board of Education, in accordance with statutes, has set October 16 as required birthdate.	No
NORTH DAKOTA	No provision	6 by Oct. 31	...	No
OHIO	No provision	6 by Oct. 31 (Sept. 30 in 1969)	Testing of underage children for early admission to kindergarten and first grade is permitted by statute, if the required entrance age is attained by January 1.	Yes
OKLAHOMA	No minimum	6 by Nov. 1	Local school districts may admit underage children to first grade upon payment of tuition for the entire school year.	No
OREGON	No provision	6 by Nov. 15 (6 by March 15)[b]	...	No
PENNSYLVANIA	No provision	5 yrs., 7 mos. by Sept. 1. (5 yrs., 7 mos. by Feb. 1)[b]	School boards may admit younger children in accordance with rules established by the State Board, and may refuse to accept or retain beginners who have not attained a mental age of 5.	Yes
RHODE ISLAND	5 by Dec. 31	6 by Dec. 31	School committees are permitted to admit children to kindergarten and/or first grade at an earlier age.	Yes
SOUTH CAROLINA	No provision	6 by Nov. 1	...	No
SOUTH DAKOTA	Eligible for first grade the following fall.	6 by Nov. 1	...	No
TENNESSEE	No provision	6 by Sept. 30 (by within 60 days of opening of second semester)[b]	...	Pilot program
TEXAS	No provision	6 at beginning of school year	The scholastic year is fixed by law to commence on September 1 of each year.	No
UTAH	5	6	Local boards of education set birth date by which children must attain the ages of 5 and 6 for kindergarten and first grade entrance.	Yes
VERMONT	No provision	6 by Jan. 1	...	Yes
VIRGINIA	(See col. 4)	6	Local boards of education at their discretion may admit to first grade persons who have reached their sixth birthday on or before September 30 (March 1 for districts with semi-annual promotions for kindergarten and first grade), and to kindergarten persons who have attained their fifth birthday on or before September 30.	Yes
WASHINGTON	4-6	6	According to a 1950 opinion of the Attorney General, local boards may set required birth dates for permissive entrance to first grade or may refuse to admit pupils who are not six by the beginning of the school term; in addition districts must admit transfer students who have attained the age of six if they were enrolled in a district with a lower entrance age requirement, even if they did not attain the age of six by the birth date set by the receiving district. School boards also have the authority to determine entrance requirements for kindergarten and first grade based on tests and/or chronological age.	Yes

STATE LAWS (Continued)

State	STATE LAW		Additional information	State aid for kindergartens[a/]
	Kindergarten entrance age	First grade entrance age		
1	2	3	4	5
WEST VIRGINIA	No provision	6 by Nov. 1	...	No
WISCONSIN	5 by Dec. 1	6 by Dec. 1	In exceptional cases admission to first grade may be made at an age earlier than 6 by December 1.	Yes
WYOMING	5 by Sept. 15	6 by Sept. 15	...	Yes

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Name of school system _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Name and title of respondent _____

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1. Date of fall opening, 1968-69 school year _____

2. Does your school system operate regular kindergartens (excluding Head Start)?

   YES _____ NO _____

3. What is your official policy with respect to <u>minimum</u> age at the opening of school at which a child is admitted to:

   KINDERGARTEN: _____ years and _____ months by _____ (month and day)

   FIRST GRADE: _____ years and _____ months by _____ (month and day)

4. Do you make exceptions, allowing some children to enter at an age earlier than specified in the policy, and if so, upon what basis?

   KINDERGARTEN? _____

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   FIRST GRADE? _____

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5. Have you made any change in entrance age policy within the past six years?

YES _____ NO _____. If YES, please explain _____

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